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The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: Development of Mangalore Port as a Major Port and Construction of the Mangalore-Hassan Railway Line Information sought.

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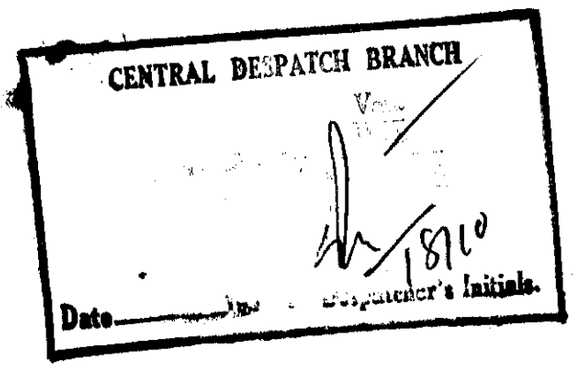
1 The Madras Dailies of 25-9-1955 have referred to a New Delhi Report dated 23-9-1955 regarding the Government of India's plans for the development of the West Coast Ports and in that, mention has been made of the proposal of developing the Port of Malpe as a Major Port and the allotmen of a sum of Rs.2.5 crores for the purpose and a further sum of Rs.1.4 lakhs for preliminary investigation in that connection. We believe that any plan prepared by the Government of India for the development of Ports should have a bearing on the proposals made by the State Government. The Government of Madras are doubtless aware that the questio of development of Mangalore as a Major Port only awaits the results of the Model Experiments carried on at the Central Water and Power Research Station at Poona, and in this connection we refer to the G.O.Ms.No.851 P.W.dated 7-3-1955 communicating to the Mangalore Port Trust Board, the Government of India's decision to defer the work of investigation at Malpe for develpment as a Major Port, until the result of the Model Experiment is known.

2 In view of the conflicting report appearing in the Press as stated above, we would like to know from the State Government, the correct position with regard to the proposal of developing Mangalore as a Major Port and the proposal, if any, of the development of Malpe Port, in so far as their recommendations for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan is concerned. We shall be grateful if you will kindly enlighten us in this matter at an early date.

3 (2) In your letter No.37261-F/55-1 dated 10-5-1955, you were kind enough to inform us that the Government of Madras had recommended to the Government of India, the Mangalore-Hassan Railway Project along with twelve other major ~~other~~ Railway projects in connection with the Second Five Year Plan. We would like to know whether this project has been given sufficiently high priority in the State's final proposals for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan. We shall thank you for an early response in the matter.

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Hon. Secretary.



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To

The Hony. Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce
P.O.Box No.116.
Mangalore-1.

Sir,

Sub: Ports and Railways - Development of Mangalore and Malpe Ports - Mangalore-Hassan Railway Project.

Ref: From the Kanara Chamber of Commerce letter dated 3-10-1955.

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I am directed to state that no ~~final~~ decision has yet been taken on the question of development of the ports at Mangalore and Malpe during the period of the Second Five Year Plan. As regards the Mangalore-Hassan Railway Project, I am to state that in this Government's recommendation to the Govt. of India, this project has been allotted a fairly high order of priority.

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P.W.D.(F.1).

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Please see the letter from the Kanara Chamber of Commerce on p.1 c.f.

2. As regards the enquiry relating to the development of Mangalore and Malpe ports in paras 1. and 2 on p.1 c.f., it is submitted that the Working Group of the Planning Commission which considered the schemes for the development of Minor Ports in the State included in the Draft Second Five Year Plan on the 12th and 13th August, 1955, was of the opinion that ~~the~~ further development of Mangalore Port in any big way and ~~the~~ development of a major port at Malpe should await developments regarding Goa. They state that if Goa comes into the Indian Port System, the requirements at Mangalore and Malpe would have to be reconsidered. It was therefore decided that no provision need be made for any development at Malpe and that at Mangalore only certain essential works of urgent improvement to keep it at its present stage should be taken up. It is submitted that it may not be desirable to furnish the Kanara Chamber of Commerce the position as stated above. They may perhaps be merely told that no decision has ~~not~~ yet been taken in the matter.

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No 3519 Pmdt 13.9.55.

3. Railways - Mangalore-Hassan Railway:-- In the list of 14 major railway projects so far recommended to the Govt. of India in connection with the formulation of the Railway Board's Second Five Year Plan, the Mangalore-Hassan Railway Project

Project had been included as the fifth item. It will therefore be seen that the above project had been allotted a sufficiently high order of priority. The Kanara Chamber of Commerce may be informed that in this Government's recommendations to the Govt. of India, the Mangalore-Hassan Railway Project has been allotted a sufficiently high order of priority.

4. The draft letter below is for consideration.